FALL 1978

Columbia Seminary Vantage

CONVOCATION BEGINS NEW ACADEMIC YEAR

With the bright colors of academic regalia and the dignity of an opening convocation, Columbia Seminary began its 151st year in the sanctuary of the Columbia Presbyterian Church.

In his convocation address entitled "Doors," President J. Davison Philips challenged the 77 entering students to be sensitive to the words of Christ written in the third chapter of the book of Revelation, "I have set before you an open door."

The new Dean of Academic Affairs, Dr. Oscar Hussel, offered a prayer of intercession and introduced the faculty, while the traditional Columbia pledge was administered by J. Erskine Love, Jr., the Chairman of the Board of Directors.

The total enrollment of the Seminary is 318. This figure includes 152 first professional degree students, students working on advanced degrees, special and unclassified students. Approximately 16% of the student body are women.

Following the Convocation, the new students and the entire seminary community visited in the homes of faculty members. A real spirit of anticipation and excitement was present as the new academic year officially opened.

Board Chairman J. Erskine Love, Jr. administers pledge to entering students.

MILLION DOLLAR GIFT OFFERED

A heartening gift of $1,000,000 to set up an Endowment Fund for the maintenance of the physical plant of Columbia Seminary has been offered by an anonymous foundation. The gift is granted on the condition that the gifts from the Seminary campaigns in the Synods of the Mid-South and Florida be matched on a "dollar-for-dollar" ratio.

The annual income from the Endowment Fund will be designated for the preservation and equipping of the seven major buildings on the Seminary's 57-acre campus, with special priority given to the Library and the Administration Buildings.

In announcing the gift, President J. Davison Philips stated: "This generous gift is a splendid evidence of confidence in the important mission of Columbia Seminary. It also reveals the vision and generosity of those who are making such an investment in the future ministry of the Church. We are deeply grateful for this challenge grant and will do all in our power to prove worthy of it."

J. Erskine Love, Jr., Chairman of the Board of Directors, said: "This endowment is truly an historic event in the long and useful history of Columbia Seminary. It is the largest single gift ever received by the Seminary and the challenge it represents for matching gifts will give us a great opportunity to appeal to our church members for increased support as we begin Capital Funds Campaigns in each of our supporting Synods."

Lillian Clinkscales Green, wife of former Columbia Seminary Professor James B. Green, died at the age of 86 on October 1, 1978, in Columbia, South Carolina, after a brief illness. Born in Starr, South Carolina, she was a graduate of the Women's College at Due West and for some years before her marriage a teacher of English at Erskine College.

In his meditation at the Memorial Service of Mrs. Green, Dr. J. McDowell Richards said, "As I have thought of Mrs. Green there is one word that comes particularly to my mind . . . it is the word 'loyalty.' Mrs. Green was loyal to her heritage.

"She was fiercely loyal to Columbia Theological Seminary and made a great contribution to its life through her vital part in organizing and carrying forward the work of the Columbia Friendship Circle."

President J. Davison Philips stated, "Mrs. Green's vision in starting and encouraging the growth of the Columbia Friendship Circle has resulted in vital, prayerful support throughout our constituency. It is impossible to measure the goodwill, the prayers and the gifts that have come to the Seminary through this fine organization."

Dr. Richards went on to say, "Of course her most significant contribution to the Seminary was made as the helpmeet of one of its greatest professors, Dr. James Benjamin Green.

"Mrs. Green was also a loyal and devoted mother and stepmother. This same loyalty was manifest in her relationship to her friends. But all of these loyalties were subject to a higher devotion . . . her commitment to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ."

Memorial gifts in Mrs. Green's name have been received by the Seminary and a named endowment has been established.

Love Addresses Synod

J. Erskine Love, Jr., Chairman of the Board of Directors, addressed the Synod of the Southeast on behalf of Columbia Seminary at its meeting at the First Presbyterian Church of Atlanta on September 20.

Mr. Love shared with the Synod a layman's view of Columbia Seminary as seen from his perspective as a member of the Board of Directors for nine years, six of those years as its Chairman. He expressed his gratitude for God's providence that has provided sterling leadership and a dedicated faculty for the Seminary for over a century and a half.

He enumerated the positive and encouraging signs that have brought about a resurgence of vitality and interest in Columbia Seminary. He also informed the Synod that their financial contribution to the Seminary's operation is not keeping pace with inflation. He made a strong appeal to approve the goal of $4.5 million for a Capital Funds Campaign in 1980-81 that is to be used principally for endowment.

Later in the day the Synod of the Southeast unanimously adopted the goal of $4.5 million for the projected campaign.

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FROM the PRESIDENT

Put yourself in the place of a new student at Columbia Seminary. You have come through some challenging and decisive moments in your personal Christian pilgrimage. You are now beginning an arduous program of study and experience in preparing for ministry. You will be exposed to lectures, seminars, evaluations, papers, sermons, books, film, articles, and, most of all, people. You will learn theology, history, Bible, ethics, Church ministry and mission and many, many aspects of those areas. You will learn it by doing as well as listening.

One of the most crucial elements in the support system sustaining you as a student is the community of faith here on campus and at home. Those of you who care about such students will never know how much it means to be nourished by the faith and support of people like you. All of us here send you our heartfelt thanks. Your participation in Candidates Committees, your congregational care, your prayers and your scholarship support are invaluable.

Students are under pressure of work, performance, pilgrimage and the necessities of daily living. Pray for them that "as their days are, so will their strength be."

As you can see from the increased enrollment of students reported in this issue of VANTAGE, certain crucial needs have surfaced.

In order to prepare these men and women for ministry we need more faculty. The success of the $7,000,000 Capital Funds Campaign in our three supporting Synods is critical if we are to continue our high standards of excellence in theological education and ministry development. $6,000,000 of the funds raised will be used for the Endowment of Faculty Chairs. The first efforts in the Synod of the Mid-South appear promising to us.

So, for your partnership in this great task, I send you heartfelt thanks.

Faithfully yours,

J. Davison Philips

J. Davison Philips

A VITAL PARTNERSHIP

Professor Keith and student

One of the most exciting things that can happen in the life of a seminarian is the opportunity to practice ministry under supervision in the Church. A partnership between the Church and Columbia Seminary clearly exists when a student spends a summer in the supervised ministry program.

Associate Professor Jap Keith directs the supervised ministry program at Columbia and states, "The 'summer assistant' program leads to an integration of the first year's curriculum and provides those necessary experiences that enable the student to raise appropriate and practical questions. This program is an essential part of our curriculum. And the beauty of it is that the seminary cannot offer such a program without the direct involvement of the Church. This is a fine illustration of the connectional nature of the Church . . . the courts, the congregation and the seminary joining in a partnership of calling, nurturing and learning."

This past summer 38 PCUS congregations experienced the ministry of a "summer assistant" from Columbia Seminary. Thirty-eight Sessions concurred with the terms of a call and encouraged their pastors to set aside many hours for the supervision of future ministers of the Church.

Professor Keith observed, "This kind of partnership occurs every summer. Thus, we are in constant need of more 'teaching congregations' and more 'supervising pastors.' Please help us circulate the invitation to as many PCUS congregations as possible to join this partnership."

THE COLUMBIA FORUM

The dates of January 30-February 2 have been set for our 1979 Columbia Forum. The new format that combined the Smyth Lectures, the Alumni Lectures and preaching by a Guest Preacher was highly successful last year and the plan is to build on this. The Columbia Forum includes lectures, alumni luncheon, colloquies, sermons and class reunions.

Mark the dates on your calendar and plan to be present. Activities will begin with a meeting of the Alumni Council on Tuesday afternoon, January 30, and the initial Worship Service of the Forum that evening at 8:00 o'clock at the Columbia Presbyterian Church.

Dr. Krister Stendahl, a distinguished New Testament scholar and Dean of the Harvard Divinity School will deliver the Smyth Lectures on the subject, "The Church — God's Laboratory for the Kingdom."

Dean Krister Stendahl

Dr. Ralph Winter, formerly on the faculty of Fuller Theological Seminary and now directing the United States Center for World Missions in Pasadena, California, is the Alumni Lecturer. The title of his lectures will be announced. They will deal with the subject of the Church's responsibility to witness and reach out for Christ.

The Guest Preacher will be Dr. James Forbes who serves on the faculty of Union Theological Seminary in New York.

Informational brochures with a schedule of Forum events is being prepared and will be distributed in December.

If you would like the names of persons shown on the Historical Centerfold, please write:
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COLUMBIA FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE

The Columbia Friendship Circle Winners from left to right: John Jayne, Jo Anne Dyson, David Cameron, David Bailey, Deborah Kyser, Mary Jane Cornell and Renee Hester.

The Columbia Friendship Circle, under the able leadership of Mrs. Martha Tissington, President; Mrs. Cora Smith, Vice-President; Mrs. Anne Wardlaw, Secretary-Historian; Mrs. Ruth Esche, Parlimentarian, and Mrs. Virginia Lancaster, Promotion Secretary, has been actively at work!

First of all, the CFC went over its 1977-78 Goal. The final tally was $25,676.79. The CFC designated these funds to be used for Scholarship Aid for International Students.

Secondly, at its annual "Come See Columbia Day" meeting in April, 1978, the CFC decided on its 1978-79 Project and Goal. The new Goal is $30,000 and the new Project involves the sponsorship of Columbia Fellowships, which are full one-year scholarships given to promising men and women who are interested in exploring the possibilities of the Gospel ministry. There are currently seven men and women in the First Year Class who have received these Fellowships. The CFC believes these Fellowships will attract top prospective students and will help both the Seminary community and the work of the Church in the days to come.

Finally, the CFC has announced that its next "Come See Columbia Day" is set for Thursday, April 5, 1979, on the Seminary campus. This will be a time for women from the supporting Synods to meet Columbia Faculty, Staff and Students, to see the campus of Columbia and to worship together. This day will begin with registration at 9:00 a.m. and will include a luncheon.

CFC members — and others who are interested — are invited and encouraged to attend this event.

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J. Davison Philips
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Decatur, Georgia
September, 1926

CAMPBELL HALL UNDER CONSTRUCTION
Decatur, Georgia
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DINING ROOM
Campbell Hall
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DR. HUNTER B. BLAKELY'S CLASS
Campbell Hall
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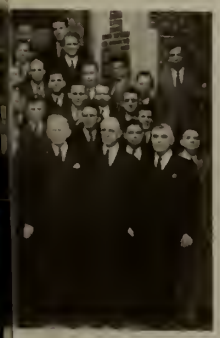

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FACULTY NOTES

In order to inform our readers of what the Columbia Faculty is doing in addition to their teaching responsibilities, the following is an edited summary of some of their activities:

PROF. FREDERICK BONKOVSKY was a participant in seminars at Dartmouth and Harvard Universities during the summer. He has led seminars and retreats in churches and presbyteries on such subjects as, "The Activity of the Holy Spirit," "Presbyterian Distinctives for Ministry" and "Christian Ethics." He published two articles on "Metropolitan Ethics and Ministry."

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DEAN ERSKINE CLARKE was a commissioner to the General Assembly from Piedmont Presbytery and has completed work on his manuscript for a book entitled, *Wrestlin' Jacob: A Portrait of Religion in the Old South*. It is to be published by John Knox Press in the spring of 1979.

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PROF. LUDWIG DEWITZ taught a course in Old Testament Survey at the Institute for Youth Ministries in Colorado Springs and a course on "The Covenant" at the Young Life Conference in Seattle this summer. His annual summer trip abroad took him to England, Germany, Switzerland and Italy. One of the highlights of his trip was the opportunity to preach in Genoa, Italy.

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PROF. JAMES GAILEY and his wife, Virginia, are spending the 1978-79 Academic Year in Nigeria where Dr. Gailey is teaching Old Testament at the University of Ibadan.

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PROF. CATHERINE GONZALEZ taught at the Evangelical Seminary in Puerto Rico in June and at Perkins Theological Seminary in Texas in July. She also has written the Bible Studies for 1978-79 for A.D. Magazine with her husband Dr. Justo L. Gonzalez.

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PROF. SHIRLEY GUTHRIE wrote a study guide for the new publication of the Book of Confessions under the title of *Our Confessional Heritage* and wrote special articles for *The Journal of Pastoral Care, Journal for Preachers*, and *The Presbyterian Survey*. He also conducted several Lay Schools of Theology and continued to serve on the Council of Theology and Culture.

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PROF. WADE HUIE made 20 presentations in 6 different states during the 1978 Witness Season with his wife Vee. He represented Columbia Seminary at the Mission Consultation in February and served as a leader of the Global Mission Conference at Montreat.

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PROF. OSCAR HUSSEL has assumed the responsibility of Dean of Academic Affairs. He has done workshops and produced a *Leadership Manual on Shared Approaches*. He has taught at the Montreat Conference on Christian Education and served as a consultant to the Historical Foundation and the General Assembly Mission Board.

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PROF. JASPER KEITH has been elected to the governing body of the Association for Clinical Pastoral Education. He spent most of the summer traveling to PCUS churches to consult with students in the Supervised Ministry Program.

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PROF. C. BENTON KLINE delivered addresses on "The Theological Dimensions for Marriage and Alternatives" to the Southeastern Association of Pastoral Counselors. He is the Wallace M. Alston Visiting Professor of Bible at Agnes Scott College during the Fall quarter, 1978.

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Newly appointed PROF. THOMAS LONG taught a course on "Studies in Contemporary Preaching" at the Princeton Theological Seminary Summer School.

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PROF. JAMES NEWSOME has completed a book entitled, *By the Waters of Babylon* (Subtitle: An Introduction to the History and Theology of the Exile) that is to be published by John Knox Press early in 1979.

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PROF. KEITH NICKLE has been working on a book on the Synoptic Gospels which has a tentative publishing date of January, 1980, with John Knox Press. He has written reviews for the *Journal of Biblical Literature*, the *Catholic Biblical Quarterly* and *Review for Religions*.

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PRESIDENT J. DAVISON PHILIPS served as a commissioner from Atlanta Presbytery to the 1978 General Assembly in Shreveport. He attended the Princeton Institute of Theology in New Jersey and the Bi-Annual Meeting of the Association of Theological Schools in Toronto during the summer. Dr. Philips maintained a full schedule of preaching and teaching throughout the churches of Columbia Seminary's constituency.

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PROF. HAROLD PRINCE and his wife, Evelyn, went on a 22-day tour of the U.S.S.R. in July, 1978. His poem entitled, "The Trip," was reprinted in the Spring 1977 issue of *Voices: Arts and Sciences of Psychotherapy*. He also attended the Annual Conference of the American Theological Library Association in Pennsylvania.

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Director of Library Operations, PROF. LILLIAN TAYLOR, completed service on the PCUS Task Force on Women and Theology and attended the American Theological Library Association Meeting in Pennsylvania during June.

CAMPUS SCENES

Students Lewis Sanderford and Jack Fuqua plot their strategy for the next touch football game.

Student Robby McBride confers with Dean of Students, Erskine Clarke. Robby is one of 65 students having work scholarships in the Library, the Dining Hall or the Office of Development.

GRATITUDE FOR DISTINGUISHED SERVICE

Dr. Thomas H. McDill, Professor of Pastoral Care and Counseling at Columbia Seminary since 1951, tendered his resignation effective July 1, 1978. Professor McDill thus concludes twenty-seven years of distinguished service to Columbia as the developer of the Pastoral Care and Counseling curriculum at the Seminary.

Professor McDill was born on June 9, 1917, in Little Rock, Arkansas, the son of the Rev. and Mrs. Thomas Hemphill McDill, of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church. He was married to Lila Williams Bost in 1938. Mrs. McDill is the organizer and headmistress of the Children's School in Atlanta. Their son, Thomas Calvin McDill is a teacher in the DeKalb County School System.

Educated at Erskine College and Erskine Theological Seminary, Professor McDill holds graduate degrees from Columbia Theological Seminary and the University of Chicago. Presbyterian College conferred the degree of Doctor of Literature on him in 1968.

Beginning his ordained ministry in the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church, Professor McDill has held pastorates in Russellville, Arkansas, and Atlanta, Georgia. He was a Chaplain (Major) in the Army in 1942-46. He has conducted numerous seminars, workshops, and lectureships for religious, academic and professional groups.

President J. Davison Philips of Columbia Seminary stated, "In accepting Dr. McDill's resignation, we do so with genuine regret. His colleagues here and throughout the Pastoral Counseling field, recognize his exceptional gifts of mind and ability as a teacher, counselor and preacher. He has helped to create for Columbia, the Church, the City of Atlanta, and the Nation the leading programs and organizations in this field. We are all indebted to him for his leadership and contributions. We wish him well as he enters another chapter in life with a lessening of demanding duties."

Dr. McDill is presently involved in completing some projects in the area of writing and counseling. He has plans to make himself available to counsel, lecture and preach as time permits.

INTEREST IN ADVANCED DEGREES GROWING

Dr. James D. Newsome

More and more ministers are pursuing advanced degrees to increase their skills in ministry and thus offer greater service to the Church. Columbia Seminary offers three advanced degrees: the DOCTOR OF MINISTRY (a program oriented toward the practical in which a person may sharpen their over-all ministerial skills while pursuing an interest in one or more specialized areas); the DOCTOR OF THEOLOGY (a degree program in pastoral counseling); and the MASTER OF THEOLOGY (an advanced academic program with concentration in the Biblical, historical-doctrinal, or pastoral area).

Dr. James D. Newsome, Director of Advanced Studies, reports that Columbia Seminary is now providing several opportunities to work toward the D.Min. degree off campus. He stated: "The Seminary is taking steps to carry much of the work of the D.Min. degree off the campus and to places where ministers live and labor. This fall, D.Min. extension work will be underway on the campus of Presbyterian College, Clinton, South Carolina, and in Savannah Presbytery. Special D.-Min. courses of two-week duration are also offered on the Seminary campus during January of each year and during the Summer Session."

SCHOLARSHIP FUND ESTABLISHED

Dr. John R. McCain, who died on July 20, 1978, has been honored by the establishment of a Memorial Scholarship Fund that bears his name at Columbia Theological Seminary.

Dr. McCain was a distinguished physician who was Chief of the Department of Gynecology and Obstetrics at Crawford W. Long Hospital and a Professor in the Department of Gynecology and Obstetrics at Emory University.

Dr. McCain was a much respected leader in the Decatur Presbyterian Church and the physician of many of the wives of the Seminary community. He taught young people in Church School and served on the Board of the Career Development Center in Decatur.

In commenting on the establishment of the Memorial Scholarship Fund in a letter to Dr. Philips, Mrs. McCain said, "I think it is a perfect way to remember John. Thank you for initiating this at the Seminary. As I thought about it, I couldn't think of another group of people that he had known and cared for as much as the wives of students and faculty at Columbia Seminary. They taught him a great deal about the problems of both ministers and their wives. Thank you very much."

THE COLLEGE CONFERENCE ON MINISTRY
February 16-18, 1979

1978-79 STUDENT BODY

FIRST PROFESSIONAL DEGREE PROGRAM		
First Year	55	
Second Year	48	
Third Year (MDiv)	37	
Intern Year (DMin)	7	
Fourth Year (DMin)	5	152
MTS Program		22
ThM Program		30
DMin (In-Ministry) Program		74
STD Program		6
Special and Unclassified		20
Non-Credit Intern Year		2
Auditors		12
TOTAL STUDENT BODY		318

MID-SOUTH CAMPAIGN UNDERWAY

In a joint statement announcing the 1978-79 Capital Funds Campaign in the Synod of the Mid-South, President J. Davison Philips and President C. Ellis Nelson of Louisville said:

"We can see no way we can move confidently into the future under our great responsibility unless we can obtain endowment funds that will continue to support theological education and ministry development year after year after year."

The Synod of the Mid-South has embarked on the first Capital Funds Campaign since it was formed in 1973, with a goal of $2.5 million to help secure the future of theological education.

Although Synod has plans to divide the proceeds of the campaign using the formula of 72% for Louisville and 28% of Columbia, congregations and individuals are granted the privilege of designating their gifts for one Seminary without equalization.

During the Fall of 1978, presbyteries throughout the Synod are organizing themselves to carry out the objectives of the Campaign. Leadership gifts are currently being sought from a selected number of individuals and foundations in advance of the church-wide opportunity that will be provided beginning in January, 1979. Presbytery committees are currently sponsoring Informational Meetings in key areas to prepare leadership to carry the challenge to local churches.

Columbia Seminary seeks the prayers of the Church as we launch the first of three phases in our capital funds effort to raise $7,000,000. The Synod of Florida Campaign, to be held during 1979-80, has a goal of $1.5 million. The Campaign for the Synod of the Southeast is scheduled for 1980-81 with a goal of $4.5 million.

CAMPUS SCENES

The Seminary Community at worship.

New married students apartments nearing completion.

NEW FIELD REPRESENTATIVE

The Rev. Donald B. Bailey, who served as the Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Huntsville, Alabama, from 1961-1978, has responded to an invitation from Columbia Seminary to serve as a part-time Field Representative of the Seminary.

In announcing this appointment, President J. Davison Philips stated: "Mr. Bailey brings to Columbia Seminary a wealth of experience and distinguished service in the Presbyterian Church, U.S. He will be working with Mr. Dodds in the area of Seminary Relations and Development and will seek to assist in making the Seminary more visible in the life of our constituency. In addition to visiting presbyteries and making personal contacts, he will be available to visit and preach in our churches."

Mr. Bailey is an alumnus of Davidson College and Columbia Seminary (Class of '41). His other pastorates were Emory Presbyterian Church, Atlanta (1942-51) and Williamsburg Presbyterian Church, Kingstree, South Carolina (1951-61).

Mr. Bailey is an honorably retired minister of the PCUS and he continues his membership in the Presbytery of North Alabama. He and his wife, Jane, are now living in Decatur. The Baileys have three sons. Their youngest son, David, is a first year Columbia Fellowship Winner at the Seminary.

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